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1. MONDALE TRIP

VP ARRIVED NZ TUES ON FINAL LEG 5-NATION TOUR; WELCOMED AT
OHAKEA AF BASE BY PM MULDOON, THEN FLOWN TO WELLINGTON FOR
TALKS W/MULDOON/SENIOR CABINET MEMBERS (REUTER OHAKEA).

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IN CANBERRA MONDAY, MONDALE SOOTHED AUSSIE WORRIES ABOUT
STRONG US PRESENCE IN PACIFIC/INDIAN OCEANS W/FIRM PLEDGE
TO DEFEND AREA. VP BACKED UP PROMISE BY ANNOUNCING US/
AUSSIE NAVAL FORCES WOULD TAKE PART IN JOINT EXERCISE IN
INDIAN OCEAN OFF W AUSSIE COAST LATER THIS YR. ACCORDING
REUTER'S WILLIAMS (CANBERRA 5/8), IT WAS JUST COMMITMENT
PM FRASER HOPED WOULD EMERGE FROM HIS MTGS W/MONDALE. THEY
HAD NEARLY 3 HRS TALKS, DESCRIBED BY VP AS "IMPORTANT AND
WIDE-RANGING," AND COVERING SECURITY/URANIUM SALES/NUKE
SAFEGUARDS/INTL TRADE/COOP ON SOLAR ENERGY/VIET REFUGEE

PROBLEM.

AUSSIE OFFICIALS SAID MONDALE TOLD FRASER US TOTALLY COMMITTED TO ANZUS TREATY, THAT NAVAL EXERCISE, WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS SIZEABLE, WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN OCT/

INVOLVE US LAND-BASED STRIKE AIRCRAFT FLYING OUT OF AUSSIE BASES. OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT LOCATION OF EXERCISE IN INDIAN OCEAN WAS SIGNIFICANT/IMPORTANT INTERPRETATION OF ANZUS TREATY. MONDALE SAID WAR GAMES WOULD BE REAFFIRMATION "OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REGION," BUT STOPPED SHORT OF SAYING EXERCISES WERE ANSWER TO SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN (AP CANBERRA, WSTAR 5/8; WP).

AP (WP) POINTS OUT "APPARENT DIFFERENCE OF OPINION" BETWEEN MONDALE/ATTY-GEN BELL OVER US POLICY CONCERNING INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES. NOTES VP TOLD THAI PM KRIANGSAK LAST WK THAT US INTENDS ADMIT 25,000 REFUGEES EACH YR FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD; BUT IN LTRS SENT EARLIER LAST WK TO HOUSE/SENATE JUDICIARY CMTEs, BELL SAID HIS INTENTION WAS ONLY TO ADMIT 25,000 MORE DURING COMING YR/HIS DEPUTY SAID BELL REFUSES COMMIT HIMSELF AT THIS STAGE TO YEARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTAS. - - -

2. CHINA

"DETROIT FREE PRESS"(5/7) REPORTS USG, CITING NTAL SECURITY CONCERNS, HAS BLOCKED ANN ARBOR (MICH) FIRM FROM SELLING PRC 2.8 MIL DOLS WORTH EARTH-SCANNING EQUIPMENT. SAYS ORDER, PLACED BY CHINA W/"DAEDALUS ENTERPRISES," WAS FOR EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD AID IN DETECTING POTENTIAL EARTHQUAKES/OIL FIELDS; BUT COMMERCE DEPT'S OFFICE OF EXPORT ADM, FEARING CHINESE WOULD ADAPT EQUIPMENT TO INTERCEPT US MIL SIGNALS, HAS DENIED DAEDALUS EXPORT LICENSE (WSTAR 5/8). -

AP (LONDON) REPORTS US GOVT SOURCES SAID 5/8 THAT BRITAIN IS SEEKING WIN BILLIONS DOLS WORTH MIL/CIVIL COMMERCIAL ORDERS FROM PRC, AROUSING SOVIET WRATH AND RISKING US CRITICISM. SAYS AUTHORIZED BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE REVEALED BIG CHINESE MIL PURCHASING MISSION IS EXPECTED VISIT LONDON AT UK INVITATION LATER THIS YR; ADDS THAT UK IS AWAITING FORMAL PEKING PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF POSSIBLY HUNDREDS HARRIER JETS (SUN).

RADIO PEKING REPORTED 5/8 THAT NEARLY 6 MILLION FARMERS ARE FIGHTING DROUGHT IN ANHWEI/KIANGSU PROVINCES (CSM).

NCUSCT SAID 5/8 THAT 20 CHINESE EXPERTS ON PETROCHEMICAL

FIBERS HAVE BEGUN 3-WK TOUR OF US PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS/
FIBER PRODUCTION FACILITIES/RESEARCH CENTERS (REUTER 5/8).

3. KOREA

SOME 600 SEOUL NATL UNIV STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED 5/8
AGAINST NEXT WK'S ELECTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL
COLLEGE. ABOUT 20 STUDENTS ARRESTED. ON EWHY WOMEN'S
UNIV CAMPUS, 9 STUDENTS REPORTED DETAINED WHILE
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TRYING DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS CRITICIZING PRES PARK (NYT
SEOUL).

4. JAPAN

REPORTING TO DIET 5/9 ON TALKS W/PRES CARTER, FUKUDA
SAID US WILL CONTINUE MAINTAIN POL/MIL/ECON PRESENCE
IN ASIA. SAID CARTER STRESSED US POLICY TOWARD ASIA
REMAINS UNCHANGED. NOTED JAPAN/US AGREED COOPERATE
AT BONN SUMMIT CONF THIS JULY (REUTER TOKYO).

GOJ RECOGNIZES NEW AFGHANISTAN GOVT/EXPRESSES HOPE
FOR MAINTENANCE FRIENDLY RELS (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN'S AGRIC/FORESTRY MIN NAKAGAWA SAYS JAPAN CANNOT
MEET US REQUEST FOR INCREASED IMPORTS AMERICAN FARM
PRODUCTS. STATES JAPAN WILL FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT US-
JAPAN AGREEMENT REACHED IN JANUARY, BUT FURTHER
CONCESSIONS SEEN IMPOSSIBLE (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

TRANSPORT MINISTRY WARNS ALL JAPANESE AIRPORTS STEP
UP SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT SABOTAGE BY EXTREMISTS
OPPOSED TO NARITA AIRPORT (REUTER TOKYO 5/8).

CSM'S THARP (TOKYO) REPORTS ON PROSPECTS FOR NARITA'S
OPENING 5/20. CITES SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN THUS FAR,
INCL STATIONING OF 13,000 RIOT POLICE TO DEFEND
FACILITY. REVIEWS AIRPORT'S COMPLICATED HISTORY,
WHICH DELAYED ITS OPENING 11 TIMES IN LAST 6 YRS.

5. VIETNAM

PROSECUTION COMPLETED ITS CASE MONDAY AGAINST HUMPHREY/
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TRUONG W/TESTIMONY FROM PENTAGON EXPERT THAT DOCS IN
QUESTION INVOLVED MATTERS TOUCHING ON NATL DEFENSE. AF
BRIG GEN FORSMAN, DEP DIR DIA, WAS 20TH GOVT WITNESS TO
TESTIFY IN TRIAL. AFTER PROVIDING JURY HIS ANALYSIS OF

WHY DOS CABLES ALLEGEDLY GIVEN VIET OFFICIALS COULD AFFECT NATL INTERESTS, FEDRL JUDGE DENIED DEFENSE MOTIONS FOR DIRECTED VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL. FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS, RETIRED MIL OFFICER WM FLORENCE, WHO SAID HE SPENT MOST OF HIS MIL CAREER WORKING ON NATL DEFENSE/CLASSIFICATION

PROBLEMS, TESTIFIED THAT CABLES IN QUESTION "DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO NATL DEFENSE" (BURNHAM, NYT; SEABERRY, WP).

6. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NEARLY 4,000 REFUGEES FLED INDOCHINA BY BOAT IN APRIL-- HIGHEST MONTHLY TOTAL SINCE END OF WAR. FIGURES, RELEASED BY UNHCR IN BANGKOK, CONFIRMED PREDICTION BY W DIPLOS THAT FLOW REACHING NEW PEAKS/INCREASED FEARS AMONG SEASIAN GOVTS THAT NEW FLOOD WOULD PLACE NEW STRAINS ON THEIR ABILITY COPE W/THEM. BOTH FAVORABLE WEATHER/HARSH ECON POLICIES ANNOUNCED BY HANOI SEEN AS MAJOR REASONS FOR NEW EXITS (FREEMAN, REUTER SINGAPORE).

AUSTRALIA'S UNIONS PLANNING CAMPAIGN TO TRY DISCOURAGE ARRIVAL BOAT PEOPLE FROM VN. TLC, ALARMED BY INFLUX NEW REFUGEES/EFFECT THEY WILL HAVE ON UNEMPLOYMENT, SAID ITS MEMBERS WILL HAMPER/HINDER ANY NEW ARRIVALS IN N TERRITORY. SAID WATERSIDE WORKERS WILL STAGE WORK STOPPAGES WHEN REFUGEE BOATS ENTER DARWIN/TLC WILL INSTRUCT BUS DRIVERS NOT TRANSPORT REFUGEES FROM DOCK. SAID THEY HOPE THEIR EFFORTS WILL FILTER BACK/DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM SETTING OUT FOR AUSTRALIA (DIBBS, REUTER DARWIN).

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PRES CARTER'S SON CHIP/WIFE CARON PAID BRIEF VISIT NEW-CASTLE BEFORE FLYING SYDNEY 5/9. CARTER ALSO LAID WREATH AT US WAR MEMORIAL IN BRISBANE (REUTER BRISBANE).

NYT (5/6) REPORTS US/EUR FIRMS STEPPING UP LOBBYING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BIL-DOL-PLUS CONTRACT FOR TACTICAL FIGHTER REPLACEMENTS FOR AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. FINAL DECISION EXPECTED LATER THIS YR/EARLY '79.

US-BASED "DUNKIN DONUTS" PLANS MOVE INTO AUSSIE MRKT, BUT STRONG OPPOSITION EXPECTED FROM LOCAL "DINKUM DONUTS." ENSURING BATTLE WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED BY LOCAL CATERING INDUSTRY/OTHER US FAST-FOOD FIRMS EYEING ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIAN MRKT (STOVE, JOC SYDNEY).

8. COOK ISLANDS/NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) DOES ITEM ON RECENT NZ/COOK ISLS

SQUABBLING, WHICH THIS ROUND DUE ACTIONS BY ISLS' PREMIER HENRY. WAR OF WORDS BETWN MULDOON/HENRY DEVELOPED IN MARCH WHEN LATTER SPENT 300,000 DOLS TO CHARTER PLANES ON WHICH

HE FLEW COOK ISLANDERS LIVING IN NZ BACK HOME TO VOTE IN SNAP ELECTION 3/31--WHICH HENRY WON. MULDOON SEEKING ENSURE NONE OF 6-MIL-DOLS AID GIVEN COOKS BY NZ USED IN THAT VENTURE.

9. THAILAND

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HAVE DIED SINCE OCT IN CHOLERA EPIDEMIC WHICH HAS HIT 3,000/SPREAD TO 53 PROVINCES, ACCORDING THAI PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS (REUTER BANGKOK).
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CSM'S B/R GROSS DO FEATURE ON THAI FAMILY WHO WERE RESETTLED IN NE PART OF COUNTRY WHEN GOVT TOOK THEIR LAND FOR BUILDING DAM. THEY WRITE ABOUT HOW PARENTS--POOR FARMERS--WORKED TO SEND MOST TALENTED TO SCHOOL, HOW THEY LEARNED NEW FARMING METHODS, HOW ONE CHILD BECAME TEACHER/OTHERS MARRIED. FATHER, WHO THEY SAID SHOWED SUPERVISORY POTENTIAL, WAS PICKED BY FELLOW VILLAGERS TO TAKE 11-DAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE IN BANGKOK FUNDED BY UNICEF. QUOTES HEAD OF UNICEF MISSION THAT "RAKNONGSANG FAMILY SYMBOLIZES THE SPIRIT OF HOPE THAT IS SPARKED IN POOR RURAL FAMILIES ONCE THEY ACQUIRE THE RESOURCES TO TAKE MORE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN LIVES" (BANGKOK 5/8).

10. SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE AIRLINES ANNOUNCES IT PLANS BUY 19 PLANES FOR ALMOST 900 MIL DOLS FROM BOEING--BIGGEST SINGLE CONTRACT IN HISTORY OF BOTH FIRMS. AGREEMENT WILL INCL 13 BOEING 747S/6 BOEING 727S; 4 OF PLANES WILL BE DELIVERED NEXT YR, 10 BETWN '79/'82, OTHERS LATER (REUTER SINGAPORE).

11. CAMBODIA

NYPOST (LONDON 5/5) REPORTS ON YUGOSLAV JOURNALIST'S "EXTRAORDINARY GLIMPSE OF LIFE" IN PP, WHICH HE SAYS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO POPULATION OF 30,000 (OTHER REPORTS HAVE RANGED FROM 20,000 TO 200,000). QUOTES REPORTER THAT PP HAS BECOME "GHOST CITY" THRU COMMUNISTS' "SOCIAL ENGINEERING." UPKEEP OF DESERTED CITY ENTRUSTED TO 20,000 PEOPLE IN "MOBILE WORKING BR GADE," WHO LIVE IN SUBURBS/GUARD BLDGS AT NIGHT. REPORTER SAID POL POT, QUESTIONED ABOUT DIRECTION NEW REVOLUTION TAKING, REPLIED, SMILING CONTENTEDLY: "WE HAVE NO MODEL. THE PEOPLE WILL DECIDE ON EVERY STAGE."

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. MONDALE TRIP

NYPOST EDIT (5/5) SAYS MONDALE HAS SERVED FAIR WARNING TO REPRESSIVE MARCOS REGIME THAT US SUPPORT FOR ECON DEVEL ABROAD IS FIRMLY LINKED TO HUMAN RTS CONCERNS. NOTES VP UPHELD CARTER HUMAN RTS POLICY BY SPEAKING OUT IN PUBLIC, MTG W/OPPOSITION FIGURES, PRIVATELY GIVING MARCOS BLUNT WARNINGS THAT CONTINUED REPRESSION MUST HURT BILAT RELS. SAYS MONDALE'S MESSAGE DELIVERED W/PROPER MIX OF DIPLOMACY/FIRMNESS. HOPES IT PRODUCES RESULTS FOR FILIPINOS.

13. CHINA

NYT'S GWERTZMAN SAYS US REJECTED, ON SECURITY GROUNDS, APPLICATION FOR EXPORT TO PEKING OF ADVANCED AIRBORNE EQUIPMENT FOR GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION, EVEN WHILE 8-MAN CHINESE SCIENTIFIC TEAM WAS HERE TAKING TRAINING COURSE IN ITS USE. QUOTES ALAN PARKER, PRES OF EXPORTING FIRM, "DAEDALUS ENTERPRISES," IN PHONE INTERVIEW THAT US DECISION UNFAIR/WILL BE APPEALED/THAT COMPANY IN TOUCH W/PEKING SINCE '72 ABOUT THIS SALE.

CITES PARKER'S UNDERSTANDING THAT DOD PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT MAGNETIC-TAPE RECORDER SALES TO CHINESE WHICH IT FEARS MAY BE USED TO MONITOR US MIL COMMUNICATIONS; BUT PARKER SAID HE WAS CONVINCED PRC IS SERIOUS ABOUT USING EQUIPMENT FOR STATED PURPOSE OF GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION. QUOTES PARKER THAT HE EXPECTED SALE WOULD GO THRU, SO HE INVITED CHINESE SCIENTIFIC TEAM TO START TRAINING/DOS ISSUED VISAS FOR THAT PURPOSE. ADDED THAT GROUP ARRIVED 4/1, WAS TO REMAIN UNTIL MID-JULY, NOW UP TO THEM WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY STILL STAY.

GWERTZMAN OBSERVES US REJECTION OF SALE WAS "POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING," BECAUSE OF PLANNED BRZEZINSKI TRIP TO CHINA LATER THIS MONTH; SEES CASE UNDERSCORING PROBLEM OF ENCOURAGING MORE TRADE, WHILE ADHERING TO GUIDELINES ON POSSIBLE MIL USES. QUOTES NCUSCT'S PHILLIPS THAT CHINESE HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN PURCHASING ADVANCED EQUIPMENT FOR GEOLOGICAL WORK, MUCH FOR DEVELOPING NEW OIL RESERVES, BUT DIFFICULT FOR FIRMS COMPLETE SOME SALE BECAUSE EQUIPMENT COULD HAVE MIL USES.

IN "REPORT FROM PEKING," DONALD KIRK (PHINQ) ASSERTS THAT EXECUTION OF PREMIER HUA'S OPPONENTS BELIES THEORY THAT HIS

REGIME OFFERS GREATER POL FREEDOM THAN DID MAO'S. SAYS
AMID REPORTS OF AT LEAST 2 SERIES OF KILLINGS OF HUA'S

CRITICS DURING LAST 18 MONTHS, POL/DIPLO ANALYSTS ACCUSE
HIS REGIME OF CONDUCTING "WITCHHUNT" AGAINST ALL WHO
SEEMINGLY OPPOSE ITS "MODERATE" POLICIES. SAYS HUA/TENG
WANT ALLOW ENOUGH FREEDOM TO ENCOURAGE ECON PROGRESS, BUT
PROBABLY NO MORE; DIFFERENCE ONE OF ONLY SLIGHT DEGREE,
OF LOOSENING SEEMINGLY PETTY RULES, RATHER THAN MAJOR
CHANGE.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SEES TOP CHINESE LEADERS DIFFERING
PUBLICLY OVER HOW CHINESE PEOPLE SHOULD REGARD MAO LEGEND,
AS SURREPTITIOUS EFFORT CONTINUES TO LOWER LATE LEADER'S
PEDESTAL SOMEWHAT. SAYS NO MATTER HOW VEILED THIS DISPUTE,
ITS OUTCOME WILL DETERMINE IF 800 MIL CHINESE SOMEDAY MAY
AGAIN DISRUPT NATION'S ECON PROGRESS FOR KIND OF MASS POL
DEMONSTRATIONS/STUDY SESSIONS THAT MAO THOUGHT ESSENTIAL TO
CREATING IDEAL/PRIVILEGE-FREE SOCIETY; OUTCOME WILL ALSO
DECIDE IF FON BOOKS/LIGHTER ENTERTAINMENTS THAT HAVE
APPEARED SINCE MAO'S DEATH WILL DISAPPEAR AGAIN IN NEW
BURST OF ORTHODOXY.
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CSM'S WILLIS (MOSCOW) SEES BREZHNEV'S RECENT "REMARKABLE
TOUR" OF CHINESE BORDER AREAS UNDERSCORING SOVIETS FEAR OF
ACTIVITIES IN ASIA BY US (MONDALE TRIP/BRZEZINSKI'S PENDING
CHINA VISIT) AND SIGNS OF NEW PEKING ACTIVISM IN AREA
(HUA'S NK VISIT). SAYS BASIC SOVIET FEAR IS THAT REINVIGO-
RATED PRC WOULD DRAW REALLY CLOSER TO US, W/CHINA GAINING
MIL EXPERTISE, AND US AND CHINA UNDERMINING SOVIET
INFLUENCE WORLDWIDE.

FRASER (CSM PEKING) THINKS DESPITE HUA NK VISIT AND SIGNS
HE WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL TRAVELS, IT IS UNLIKELY WORLD WILL
GET TO KNOW "THIS ELUSIVE FIGURE" MUCH BETTER. FINDS HE IS
STILL COMPROMISE CHOICE FOR LEADER, AND HIS EFFECTIVENESS/
CENTRAL STRENGTH LIE PRECISELY IN HIS ABILITY TO BALANCE
ASPIRATIONS/DEMANDS OF VARIOUS FACTIONS "THAT STILL HOLD
SWAY OVER CHINESE EMOTIONS."

NYPOST'S FRIEDMAN (5/3) REVIEWS MARGARET GAAN'S "LAST
MOMENTS OF A WORLD." OBSERVES CHINA-BORN AUTHOR WAS NOT
COMMUNIST, AND AFTER COMMUNISTS' VICTORY SHE DECIDED COULD
NOT MAKE LIFE IN THEIR SOCIETY AND LEFT. FINDS SHE IS,
NONETHELESS, HONORABLY FAIR IN DESCRIBING NOT ONLY COMPLEX
WEB OF APPREHENSION/HOPE THAT COMMUNISTS INSPIRED IN PRC,
BUT ALSO GENERAL REALIZATION THAT "THE OLD CHINA" HAD
FINALLY "ROTTED AWAY" AND SOMETHING HAD TO TAKE ITS PLACE.

REUTER'S PRITCHETT, IN TIENTSIN, FINDS CAFE SOCIETY LIVES
ON THERE, WHERE YOUNG MEN SIT IN RESTAURANT LAGUIDLY

SIPPING COFFEE/LEMONADE, NIBBLING PASTRIES, SMOKING CIGARETTES IN LONG HOLDERS. SAYS THEY LOOK SUITABLY BORED, PASSING HRS IN ART DECO RESTAURANT W/POTTED PLANTS/MIRRORS W/FANCY EDGES WHERE TABLE LINEN IS GRACED BY CUTLERY STILL
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BEARING NAMES OF ITS FORMER OWNERS, "KESSELING AND BADGER." NOTES THIS ENCLAVE OF FON TRADITIONS HAS SURVIVED ALMOST 30 YRS OF COMMUNISM AND AN EARTHQUAKE, TO RETAIN LOOK OF FADING ELEGANCE.

14. JAPAN

ON US-JAPAN TRADE RELS CHILDS (WP) CHARGES GOP RANKS CONTAIN STRONG PROTECTIONIST ADVOCATES WHO REFLECT BIG-BUSINESS TIES WHICH ARE PUSHING STEM FLOW JAPANESE GOODS TO US. OPINES PROTECTIONISM WOULD BE CALAMITY FOR WORLD ECON/DISASTER FOR JAPAN. BELIEVES "IT IS HARDLY OUR BUSINESS" TO TELL JAPANESE NOT WORK SO HARD. URGES US SALES ORGS EXERT GREATER EFFORT CRACK JAPANESE MRKT/ SUGGESTS JAPAN CUT RED TAPE THAT SNARLS TRADE W/US. FINDS FUKUDA MTG NOT JUST EXERCISE IN RHETORIC OF GOOD WILL, BUT BID FOR STABLE US-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP.

SILK (NYT) CITES GROWING JAPANESE CONCERN OVER WORLDWIDE DEPRESSION. INTERVIEWS USHIBA, WHO EXPRESSES PARTICULAR ANXIETY OVER THREAT TO WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM IN VIEW UNSTABLE DOL. USHIBA ALSO WORRIES ABOUT PROTECTIONIST WAVE, WHICH HE BELIEVES WOULD HAVE RUINOUS IMPACT ON WORLD TRADE. TRADE MIN DOUBTS JAPAN CAN REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS TO 6 BIL DOLS THIS YR, BUT REMAINS CONFIDENT 7 PCT GROWTH COULD BE ACHIEVED. VANCE

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